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**Subject:** Oregon's 2012 303(d) list is approved/disapproved by EPA

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality submitted Oregon's 2012 Integrated Report and 303(d) list to the Environmental Protection Agency in November 2014. The 303(d) list is a list of waterbodies that do not meet water quality standards and that need Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).

On Dec. 21, 2016 EPA took action to approve most of the submitted 303(d) listings and delistings, and partially disapprove DEQ's submittal for not including other waters.

With EPA's action, the approved listings/delistings immediately become part of Oregon's 303(d) list and can be used for Clean Water Act purposes such as prioritizing and developing TMDLs.

EPA is required to follow the disapproval with its list of proposed additions to Oregon's 303(d) list and take public comment on the additions. On Dec. 21, 2016, EPA published a Notice of Availability and Request for Public Comments and a decision rationale. See [EPA Action Oregon 2012 303\(d\) List](#) for information on the proposed additions.

The public can provide comments to EPA according to the process and schedule described in the notice.

As of Dec. 21, 2016, Oregon's approved and effective 303(d) list is the 2012 list. Once EPA concludes their public process and finalizes their additions, DEQ will update information on the DEQ website with the final Oregon 2012 303(d) list.

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